GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5078
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SERIAL ON TUKDOJI MAHARAJ AND GADGE BABA
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to make serial on great saints, Tukdoji Maharaj and Gadge Baba of Maharashtra;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government of Maharashtra has sent any proposal to the Union Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b): Programme matters of Doordarshan including production of serials fallwithin the purview of Prasar Bharati and Government does not interfere with them. Prasar Bharati have intimated that they have not received any proposal for making aserial on Tukdoji Maharaj. As regards Gadge Baba, it has been intimated by PrasarBharati that a serial in Marathi on Saint Gadge Baba was telecast from Doordarshan Kendra, Mumbai on weekly basis from 6-1-1997 to 13-3-1997 and it was re-telecast under the sponsored category from 24.6.1999 to 16.9.1999.

(c) & (d): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.